

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

***Icebreaker:** What was the most significant community you have experienced or been a part of in your life? Maybe a group of friends you grew up with, a sports team you were part of, your family, a group of neighbors, or a small group.*

How did this community shape you as a person?

What were your thoughts from Sunday's message?

Read Acts 2:41-47. In these verses, what was the church devoted to?

What risk does our church face if one of the principles from these verses is neglected?

From Sunday's message, we learned that a local church provides the opportunity for accountability, maturity, fellowship, worship, service and generosity. Since you've attended this church or another in the past, which one of these have you seen develop in your own life? Please explain.

In verse 42, the author uses an interesting word: "fellowship". What is "fellowship"? In what ways is fellowship distinct from socializing? Why is fellowship important?

Read Romans 12:10-15 and Hebrews 10:23-25. What elements of community do you see emphasized in these passages?

What obstacles get in the way of our devotion to community life? How can we push against the individualism of our culture and false sense of community we have through technology?

Almost all of the 8 billion people in the world are connected by technology. What's the difference between connectivity and community?

The early church saw themselves as a single family. Just as a biological family would share shelter and resources, protect each other in difficult moments, and encourage one another in weak moments, so did the early church. In what ways can we do the same for other believers in our life?